# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Staff Sergeant Chad W. Klages' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

***Whereas***, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

***Whereas***, Staff Sergeant Klages has devoted 20 years of his life to service of this state and country as a Field Artilleryman, including service in Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

***Whereas***, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

***Whereas***, Staff Sergeant Klages continues to give of himself; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Chad W. Klages for 20 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State